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REQS: (U) T-1BX-2610-01-90; T-1H1-2610-01-90.

SOURCE: [REDACTED] MID-LEVEL OFFICER
 FROM A COMMUNIST COUNTRY WHO HAS EXTENSIVE CONTACTS
 WITHIN THE VARIOUS ATTACHE COMMUNITIES IN MOSCOW.
 HE HAS PROVEN TO BE A PARTICULARLY RELIABLE
 REPORTER, ESPECIALLY ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE SOVIET
 MILITARY.

SUMMARY: [REDACTED] A
 NEW "OPERATIONAL-STRATEGIC RESEARCH CENTER" HAS BEEN
 ESTABLISHED IN THE SOVIET GS. IN OPERATION SINCE
 LAST YEAR, THE CENTER UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ARMY-GEN
 ((GAREYEV)) IS ENGAGED IN STRATEGY AND FORCE
 STRUCTURE COMPARISONS WITH POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES AS
 WELL AS CONDUCTING RELATED TESTS DURING EXERCISES.

TEXT:

1. (C/NF) [REDACTED] HE
 REPORTED THAT A NEW ENTITY -- THE OPERATIONAL-
 STRATEGIC RESEARCH CENTER -- WAS CREATED WITHIN THE
SOVIET GENERAL STAFF (GS) DURING THE SUMMER OF 1988.
 DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE CHIEF OF THE GS, THIS
 CENTER IS UNDER THE GENERAL COGNIZANCE OF
 ARMY-GENERAL M. GAREYEV AND WAS ESTABLISHED TO
 PROMOTE THE ROLE OF MILITARY SCIENCE IN INFLUENCING
 THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET STRATEGY,
 OPERATIONAL ART AND FORCE STRUCTURE. ADDITIONAL
 DETAILS ON PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. (C/NF) PERSONNEL. ALTHOUGH ARMY-GEN GAREYEV IS
 THE OVERALL DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER'S WORK, COL-GEM
 V.V. ((KOROBUSHIN)) IS THE CHIEF ("NACHAL'NIK"). THE
 CENTER INCLUDES ONE FIRST DEPUTY AND TWO DEPUTIES,
 BUT THE INCUMBENTS ARE UNKNOWN. ALL THREE POSITIONS
 ACCORDING TO MANNING DOCUMENTS ("PO SHTATY") ARE
 OCCUPIED BY GEM-LT'S. ONE DEPUTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS WHILE THE OTHER OVERSEES THE
 CENTER'S SCIENTIFIC-RESEARCH EFFORTS. THE CENTER'S
 THREE DIRECTORATES (SEE PARA 3 BELOW) HAVE GEM-LT'S
 AS CHIEFS AND EITHER GEN-LT'S OR GEM-MAJ'S OCCUPYING
 THE TWO AUTHORIZED DEPUTY POSITIONS. SUBORDINATE
 "DIRECTION" ("NAPRAVLENIYE") OR DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE
 GEM-MAJ'S WITH RANKS OF COL AND LTC/MAJ ALLOTTED TO
 THE POSITIONS OF "SENIOR SCIENTIFIC WORKER" AND
 "SCIENTIFIC WORKER" RESPECTIVELY.

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3. (C/NF) ORGANIZATION. THE OPERATIONAL-STRATEGIC RESEARCH CENTER HAS THREE DIRECTORATES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES AS FOLLOWS--

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A. (C/NF) LST DIRECTORATE -- EXPLORES OPERATIONAL-STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF MILITARY OPERATIONS; COMPARISON OF STRATEGY FOR THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES AND THAT OF THE "ADVERSARY" ("PROTIVNIK"); AND. STUDIES ON THE [REDACTED] BY THE USSR AND ITS "ADVERSARY".

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B. (C/NF) 2ND DIRECTORATE -- REFERRED TO AS THE "BASIC" ("OSNOVNOYE") DIRECTORATE. THIS ENTITY EXAMINES SOVIET MILITARY DOCTRINE AND FORCE STRUCTURE ("MILITARY CONSTRUCTION" IN SOVIET PARLANCE).

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DIRECTORATE REPRESENTATIVES CURRENTLY PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN MD AND FLEET-LEVEL EXERCISES. PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED EXERCISE, THEY PROVIDE THE MD/FLEET STAFF WITH METHODS ON HOW TO ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT OPERATIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE DIRECTORATE PERSONNEL ACT AS OBSERVERS AND THEN, ALONG WITH EXERCISE PARTICIPANTS, EVALUATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH SUGGESTED METHODS AND PROCEDURES WERE SUCCESSFUL.

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C. (C/NF) 3RD DIRECTORATE -- REPRESENTS THE GS MILITARY SCIENCE DIRECTORATE WHICH HAS BEEN RESUBORDINATED TO THE NEW CENTER.

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D. (C/NF) OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL DATA. SOME OF THE DIRECTORATES ARE ORGANIZED BY "DIRECTION" OTHER THAN BY THE MORE TRADITIONAL "DEPARTMENT" ("OTDEL"). DIRECTIONS ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY-ORIENTED SUCH AS WESTERN, FAR EASTERN, SOUTHWESTERN, ETC.

COMMENTS:

1. (C/NF) [REDACTED] AND HAS FOUND HIM TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE SOVIET MILITARY. RECENTLY, HE HAS PROVIDED DETAILED INFORMATION ON FORCE REDUCTIONS WHICH, BY IMPLICATION, WERE ALLEGEDLY PASSED BY A SOVIET SUB-SOURCE WITH ACCESS TO MOD/GS ISSUES OF HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST [REDACTED] ACCORDINGLY, THE DETAILS LISTED HERE ON THE GS OPERATIONAL-STRATEGIC RESEARCH CENTER ARE BELIEVED TO BE ACCURATE.

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2. (C/NF) [REDACTED] RATIONALE FOR THE CENTER'S CREATION WAS A PERCEIVED NEED TO ENHANCE THE INFLUENCE OF MILITARY SCIENCE ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF SOVIET MILITARY DOCTRINE AND

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ORGANIZATION. HE SPECIFICALLY LINKED THE NEW GS ENTITY TO THE SEMINAL 19TH PARTY CONFERENCE (JUNE, 1988), SUGGESTING IT WAS A KEY ELEMENT OF THE MILITARY'S SUBSEQUENT "QUALITATIVE PARAMETERS" PROGRAM. THIS REFERENCE TO "QUALITATIVE PARAMETERS" IS INSTRUCTIVE. MOD YAZOV'S EXPLANATION OF THE CONCEPT AFTER THE 19TH PARTY CONGRESS EXPRESSLY MENTIONED THE "CREATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL STAFF AND FORCE STRUCTURES WHICH WILL ENSURE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE REALIZATION OF EXISTING COMBAT CAPABILITIES AS WELL AS THE FULFILLMENT OF ASSIGNED TASKS WITH MINIMUM EXPENDITURES OF MEANS AND RESOURCES"

YAZOV'S COMMENT NOT ONLY LENDS ADDITIONAL CREDENCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GS RESEARCH CENTER BUT ALSO FURTHER DEFINES ITS ROLE.

3. (C/NF) ORGANIZATIONALLY, THE CENTER REPRESENTS AN ENTIRELY NEW ENTITY WITHIN THE GS. ONLY ONE EXISTING DIRECTORATE (I.E., MILITARY SCIENCE) HAS BEEN SUBSUMED UNDER THE CENTER AND, REPORTEDLY, NO OTHER DIRECTORATES HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED TO ACCOMMODATE ITS CREATION. IF PREVIOUS INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL CUTS IN THE GS ARE TRUE (APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT; THIS NEW ORGANIZATION CLEARLY ENJOYS A HIGH PRIORITY WITHIN THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP.

4. (C/NF) THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MISSIONS FOR THE 1ST AND 2ND DIRECTORATES ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTING. THE 1ST DIRECTORATE TASK, FOR EXAMPLE, TO EXAMINE OPERATIONAL-STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IS PARTICULARLY AMENABLE TO AN ORGANIZATION ALONG GEOGRAPHICAL LINES (I.E., "DIRECTIONS"). "DIRECTIONS" PROBABLY REFERS TO SOVIET STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS/THEATERS OF MILITARY OPERATIONS AND WE CAN PRESUME SPECIFIC "TVD DESKS" HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO FORECAST THE NATURE OF FUTURE THREATS AND POSSIBLE SCENARIOS BY REGION. THE TASK TO COMPARE STRATEGIES IS PROBABLY CONFINED TO THE U.S. AND POSSIBLY CHINA

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AND MAY REPRESENT A SOVIET ATTEMPT TO INCORPORATE A "COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES" APPROACH IN THEIR PLANNING. INTO A SEPARATE CATEGORY NOT ONLY REFLECTS THE DISCRETE THREATS REPRESENTED BY WELL-KNOWN COUNTRIES BUT MAY ALSO REFLECT A GS ANTICIPATION OF THEIR REDUCED IMPORTANCE IN A POST-START II ENVIRONMENT.

5. (C/NF) THE 2ND DIRECTORATE WOULD LOGICALLY BE A MAJOR CONSUMER OF THE 1ST DIRECTORATE'S RESEARCH EFFORTS, TRANSLATING THEIR FORECASTS AND CONCLUSIONS ON TRENDS INTO POTENTIAL MODELS FOR THE SOVIET

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DOCTRINE AND FORCE STRUCTURE NECESSARY TO ENSURE
"REASONABLE SUFFICIENCY". [REDACTED] IS
ACCURATE, THIS DIRECTORATE IS ALREADY ACTIVE IN
EXPERIMENTING WITH DIFFERENT DEFENSIVE SCHEMES AND
ORGANIZATIONS AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL. THE
"FALL-89" EXERCISE, E.G., MAY HAVE BEEN AN INITIAL
EFFORT BY THIS DIRECTORATE TO TEST CONCEPTS RELATED
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE DOCTRINE. [REDACTED]
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6. (C/NF) GAREYEV'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE GS
OPERATIONAL-STRATEGIC RESEARCH CENTER IS LOGICAL IN
VIEW OF HIS EXTENSIVE THEORETICAL EXPERIENCE AND
BACKGROUND IN MILITARY SCIENCE. HIS ROLE IN GUIDING
THE CENTER'S EFFORTS AND ITS OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE
EXPLAIN HIS RECENT ELEVATION TO FOUR-STAR RANK [REDACTED]
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